

Questions to Address:

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1. Name of project:

Electronic Communications for Norton County Health Depts.
Reference CC Docket No 96-45

2. Please list each of the project's sites:

Name of Site:

State in which it is located:

Norton County Health Dept. Kansas

Please answer the following questions for each of your sites.
Use additional sheets if necessary.

3. What is the nearest city of population equal to or greater than 50,000 in your state, and approximately how far are you from its boundary?

City: Topeka, KS Distance from city boundary: 260 miles

4. Name of the project's telecommunications service provider:

Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment

5. Level of telecommunications service the project is currently using: (For example, voice grade, 144 Kbps (ISDN), 384 Kbps, T-1 or equivalent)

not known

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6. Charges for telecommunications service:

Is there a monthly charge? No ☒ Yes ☐

If yes, how much is the charge? _____

Is there a usage-based charge? No ☐ Yes ☐

If yes, how much is the charge? not known

Is there a distance component (such as a per-mile fee) of the charge? No ☐ Yes ☐

If yes, how much is the charge? not known

Was there an installation fee? No ☐ Yes ☐

If yes, how much was the charge? not known

Is the charge the regular tariffed rate, or is there a discount from the telecommunications provider? Tariffed ☐ Discount ☐

If there is a discount, how much is it? not known

7. How does the project use telecommunications in the delivery of health care? (For example -- to send x-rays, distribute public health information, or perform video consultations. Please identify any occasional or episodic uses, such as might result from an outbreak of disease.)

Distribute public health information

Telecommunicate Immunization records state-wide

Identify disease outbreaks more quickly

8. Could the project provide the services it is currently providing with less bandwidth? What effect would a lesser level of bandwidth have? (The implications of using greater or lesser levels of telecommunications services are related to image transmission time. What would the be the impact if the health care activities for which you now use telecommunications took twice as long, or if they could be completed in half the time?)

It would help very much if they could be completed in half the time. Some days it is very time consuming to transmit information or receive it.

9. What would the implications of having a greater level of bandwidth be?

Would probably be able to transmit or receive much faster.

10. Do you have e-mail? No ☐ Yes ☒

11. Do you have Internet access? No ☒ Yes ☐ *we could*

If yes, do you incur long-distance charges by using it?

No ☐ Yes ☒ *if we had it*

Please estimate your number of hours of Internet use per month:

NA

12. If you have access to the Internet, please list any purposes other than e-mail (such as accessing databases such as Lexis/Nexis) for which you use it:

NA